PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2020

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Utah growers intend to plant 80,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2020, down 5,000 acres, or 6 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Growers intend to plant 21,000 acres of barley in 2020, up 4,000 acres from last year's actual plantings.

Winter wheat seeded last fall for harvest in 2020 is estimated at 120,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from the 2019 crop. Hay producers in the State intend to harvest 690,000 acres this year. This is up 10,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2019.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent or 7.29 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Producers seeded 2.92 million acres of barley for the 2020 crop year, up 7 percent from the previous year.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.7 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 winter wheat planted area, at 30.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.69 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2020 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.29 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 53.3 million acres of all hay in 2020, up 2 percent from 2019.

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